

BONDI PAVILION

Upgrade and Conservation

Further Community Consultation and Engagement



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THE AMENDED CONCEPT DESIGN

What does the amended concept plan include?

Council has released an amended concept plan for the Bondi Pavilion Upgrade & Conservation Project in late July 2016. The plan includes:

- New relocated ground floor toilet facilities, with a doubling of womens toilet facilities and increases to showers and lockers, including improved amenities for people of all abilities. The design relocates the public toilet facilities from the heart of the building to the perimeter, allowing people to access improved facilities that no longer dominate the internal spaces.
- A brand new state of the art theatre on the ground floor, with new technology for drama, film and music performances, a green room, dressing room facilities, box office, bar and adjacent theatre toilets.
- Courtyard gardens for rest and relaxation with palm trees, garden spaces and paving areas.
- New tourism information / visitor welcome facility.
- Provision for the building to achieve a five Greenstar environmental sustainability rating.
- Interior roofed colonnades around the interior courtyard, reflecting the heritage colonnades on the exterior of the building. These help create respite from sun and rain and offer opportunities for community uses such as market stalls.
- The construction of new community spaces on the ground floor, with acoustically treated rooms and sprung floors to accommodate music programs, music rehearsals, dance classes and other community activity. All current Bondi Pavilion community activities could be comfortably accommodated on the ground floor (except a small number of music recording bookings and the pottery studio which are being relocated within Waverley).
- For community and music festivals, multiple performance spaces are available on the ground floor including two outdoor amphitheatres adjacent to the Pavilion, internal courtyards, outdoor roofed space, indoor theatre and the new atrium space.
- Provision for Flickerfest film festival to hold screenings in the new ground floor theatre and also outdoor screenings within the Pavilion courtyards.
- Opportunities for celebrations of local heritage through heritage interpretation, displays and engagement, including (subject to consultation) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and contemporary connections to the building.
- Heritage improvements including the repair and conservation of heritage fabric, and the removal of modern building additions classified as intrusive to the building's heritage.
- The heritage façade facing Campbell Parade would form a grand entry to the beach (through relocation of the modern car park and rubbish zone which is currently in place, and removal of the concrete amphitheatre).
- The uses of the first floor are not yet determined.



What was the project scope originally based on?

The Bondi Beach, Park and Pavilion Plan of Management 2014-2024 sets out a purpose statement and a range of actions for Bondi Pavilion. The Plan of Management was adopted by Council in November 2014 following a range of community consultation over 2012 to 2014. These Plan of Management directions and actions formed the basis for the scope for the Upgrade & Conservation Project.

Community feedback throughout the Plan of Management process included strong views about the importance of the Bondi Pavilion as an iconic heritage landmark and as a cultural and community facility.

A scope for the project was set by Council in February 2015 and a concept design was released for public comment in December 2015. This concept design was later amended in response to community feedback, with the amended designs released in late July 2016. A further period of community engagement is taking place. Everyone agrees it's essential to get this project right.

What are the amendments included in the current design?

Following review of community feedback in April 2016, Council requested amendments to the concept design to address a range of community concerns. Some additional operational changes were made as well. Changes reflected in the July 2016 plan include:

- Relocation of the theatre to connect to the back of house area along the northern perimeter.
- Extension of the theatre foyer and provision of a fixed bar and box office.
- Relocation of plating kitchen (providing more space for theatre back of house) and inclusion of theatre workshop space.
- Reallocating the proposed second gallery / exhibition space as primarily community activity and recreation space, with an operable wall to allow for greater flexibility.
- Identification of community spaces with acoustic treatment and with sprung floors on the ground floor.
- Air lock for entrance foyer.
- Providing an additional lift.
- Amended courtyard layout to allow for a temporary amphitheatre for outdoor cinema festivals.
- Relocation of the first floor amenities.

Is the design finalised?

Many aspects of the project are not yet decided. In June 2016, Council committed to a further period of community and stakeholder engagement for the Bondi Pavilion Project to enable a continuation of active dialogue with the Waverley Community about this project. Further community feedback will be considered by Council in approximately October 2016 (as well as feedback previously received), which will likely result in further changes to the design.

